

City of Milpitas
Unapproved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
June 21, 2004

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Telecommunications Commission Vice Chair Nirranjan Gupta called the meeting to order.

Members Present: N. Gupta, D. Gupta, G. Ali-Santosa, I. Munir, W. Lam, P. Peterson, A. Ettinger

I.S. Staff: B. Marion, E. Pasion

Members Absent: P. Gupta, V. Mathur, R. Gopalaroa,
Albert Alcorn
City Council: A. Gomez

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The Commission recited The Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

No announcements made for the record.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S D. Gupta/ G. Alisantosa Ayes: 7

V. Approval of the Minutes
May 17, 2004

M/S D. Gupta/ G. Alisantosa Ayes: 7

VI. Citizen's Forum

No comments made for the record.

VII. Continued-New Business:

1. Subcommittee Report Cable Policy.

Commission Alisantosa provided a summary of the cable television subcommittee activities involving the development of a Milpitas government access policy.

He added that the subcommittee had been reviewing various cable access policies from numerous communities. A draft access policy was in development and would be presented to the Commission at its meeting in July for review and input. The draft document will also need input from other staff members and city leaders before being presented to the city council for final adoption.

Commissioner D. Gupta noted that the subcommittee was being thorough with its review of public access policies. It was making sure that a policy for the city's government channel was comprehensive and thorough and would allow for simple direction.

Commission Alisantosa noted that it would have a final document for review by September.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S I. Munir/ G. Alisantosa

Ayes: 7

2. Status Report of Comcast Cable Franchise

Information Services Director Bill Marion reported the city has made progress with the Comcast cable franchise review regarding the renewal and compliance issues.

Progress has been made on all but two items regarding the cable television franchise review. The City and Comcast are reviewing language pertaining to “defined gross revenue” and how it is reported overall as well as how bundled services reported.

As for the addition of two cable channels for the public, educational and government access programming, there is tentative agreement for the addition of two channels for educational and public access use. Comcast is requiring that sixty percent or thirty-six hours of the cable programming be created or provided to show use of the cable channel. In doing so Comcast may consider extra channels be added for the Milpitas cable usage. Overall, there is tentative agreement that Milpitas will be able to obtain an additional cable access channel.

Staff is optimistic that the negotiations with Comcast are moving at a good pace and that final review of the franchise will commence later in the summer. Overall, the total time for the cable franchise review will be nearly two years for the City of Milpitas which is far less time in comparison to other cities currently reviewing its cable franchise.

Commission Lam asked of the inclusion of a cable channel directory listing to the Milpitas cable line up. Staff noted that feature will be part of the cable channel line up which is being provided to other Comcast communities.

Commissioner Peterson added that the school district was very interested in establishing an educational channel and studio. Its educational video programming may also be used as part of the overall programming.

Motion to note receipt and file

M/S I. Munir/D. Gupta

Ayes: 7

3. May '04 Month Report.

Information Services Director Bill Marion provided a summary of the monthly activity reports for the department for May 2004.

Staff distributed copies of Cisco Systems I.Q. magazine, which featured an article on the Milpitas City Hall technology integration. Additionally, news articles were published in the San Jose Business Journal featuring the City's information technology. The Tropos wireless network had also publicized the integration use of its Wi-Fi antenna network for the City's police department covering a five square mile area of the Milpitas community.

The Commissioners were given a tour of the department's data center and its new technology upgrades involving the GIS system, citywide network and telephony network. The tour also included a visit to the police dispatch center, which showcased the new computer aided dispatch center training system. Complete roll out of the new computer aided dispatch system will schedule for early fall.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S D. Gupta/P. Peterson

Ayes: 7

4. Round table discussion.

No comments made for the record.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting

Vice Chair N. Gupta requested a motion to adjourn the to Monday, July 19, 2004.

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